

Please amend page 8, lines 13-18, to read as follows:

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Spinning can be carried out using conventional techniques and equipment described in the art with respect to polyester fibers, with preferred approaches described herein. For instance, various spinning methods are shown in U.S. Patent Nos. 3,816,486 and 4,639,347, U.S. Patent Application No. 09/855,343, filed May 15, 2001 (Docket No. DP6760, published as U.S. 2002/0051880 A1), British Patent Specification No. 1 254 826 and JP 11-189938, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

[Please amend page 9, lines 1-11, to read as follows:]

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-- When preparing staple fibers for textile uses the fibers are preferably annealed after drawing and before crimping and relaxing. By "annealing" is meant that the drawn fibers are heated under tension, preferably at about 85°C - about 115°C for 3GT, as described in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/855,343, filed May 15, 2001 (Docket No. DP6760, published as U.S. 2002/0051880 A1), and in the range 140-200°C for 2GT. This is typically done using heated rollers or saturated steam. The annealing process serves the function of building crystallinity with a preferential orientation along the fiber axis and by doing so increases fiber tenacity. Since for fiberfill applications, downstream processing is limited to carding and garnetting and does not place the fiber in harsh and abrasive yarn spinning processes, such an annealing step is typically not required for preparing staple fibers for fiberfill applications.--

REMARKS

The application is amended to update the status of the cited patent applications. Entry and consideration are respectfully requested.

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